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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with DD/S, 2 December 1963, regarding Procurement Actions of the Office of Logistics with Reference to Project OXCART

25X1 1. [] Executive Officer, DD/S&T, and I met with Col. White in the latter's office the afternoon of 2 December to discuss with him the current deplorable state of affairs with regard to two EAD/OSA contracts in support of project OXCART. These two items were as follows:

25X1 a. A contract with [] for certain services and modifications 25X1
25X1 to Project [] aircraft, and

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25X1 2. I carried with me two documents the first of which was OXC-6118-63
25X1 of 2 December referencing the [] funding problem and second, a draft
25X1 document written by [] of EAD dated 29 November 1963 on
the [] matter. Both of these constitute mute evidence of the current
snag in Procurement Division activities on the OXCART project and I shall
not go into them in detail in this document. We reminded Col. White that only
recently the White House had assigned a DX priority to Project OXCART,
placing it in the highest category of National projects and that while there are
certain elements of OXCART which would and should be contracted for by the
Office of Logistics in terms of our agreement with that Office, nevertheless
failure on the part of O/L to conduct procurement activities with the same
speed and streamline procedures of OSA soon results in these peripheral
developments becoming pacing items for the entire program.

25X1 3. Col. White read the two papers with evident interest after which we
proposed to him that OSA draft a memorandum to the Director of the Office
of Logistics through DD/S&T and DD/S with concurrence lines for both which
would in effect point out the working inter-relationship between OXCART pro-
curement as conducted by OSA and support procurement to OXCART as
conducted by the Procurement Division, Office of Logistics. In this proposed
draft we would formally remind [] of the DX priority business— 25X1

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referring to Project OXCART

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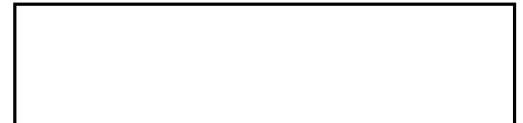
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and restate to him the Director's regular insistence on achieving an early operational readiness for OXCART. We will conclude by asking that in certain identifiable cases such as [] that Procurement Division forgo some of the normal procedures employed in instances where time is not of the essence and expedite their procurement to the greatest degree possible. Col. White seemed to find no basic reason for challenging this paper and it was agreed we would bring it together as soon as we could. In the meantime he asked for specific contract numbers in the two critical cases so that he could pursue this on an investigative and remedial action basis without delay. [] was advised of these developments and asked to furnish Col. White's office with the necessary background information on the two matters above.

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